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MIKE INDULGES IN SOME HOMELY PHILOSOPHY

In Which He Discourses Rather Caustically on the
Danger of New Hands

When They Are Intrusted with Much New and Vig-
orous Power Not Understood by Them

Pat—"Tis your play—this is no
time to be dramin."

Mike—"O! was thinkin. Shakes-
peare says 'I fear these stubborn
bones lack power to move.'"

Pat—"That sounds fine, but it
strikes me—that yez have to stop
to think, at last yez don't seem to
be able to think and play forty-five
at the same time. Phat wuz yez
thinkin about?"

Mike—"O! read in the paper of
the mess stirred up bethune the
persecutin attorney and the police
board and of the accusashuns passed
to and fro as to why the blind-tag-
gers and boot-liggers were so active
and pernicious in our fair city."

What Is the Answer?
Pat—"Well, phats the answer in so
much langwidge?"

Mike—"The persecutin attorney sez
the police force are not kapin tab
on the spake-aiders and the police
board sez the persecutin attorney
spilled the bones by rooshin into
print list as they were ready to make
a drive and elane up the city."

Pat—"Who's to blame, do yez
think, after your heavy mental ac-
tivity?"

Mike—"No wan but our old frind
and compairin—Grandstand!"

Pat—"O! don't get yez, at all, at all."

Mike—"No, of course not, yez think
too much with your mouth and not
enough with your hid."

Pat—"Well, phat tell me and
save some of that langwidge for whin
your makin a rate spache."

Mike—"Tis this way in accordance
with raypublican propagand. Niver
consider the wishes of the paypal un-
less it puts yez right in the center of
the spotlight, and does no harm
to your frinds and constiuence."

Why Should They Cross?
Pat—"But phat should the persecut-
in attorney and the police board cross
sieh ether? Aint they all raypublican?"

Mike—"Tis right yez are there.
But being very new in power and
not quite shure phat dimmycrats to
make goats of or how far the spot-
light would rache they got in a buck
fithers way and jist passed the buck
back and forth to square themselves."

Pat—"Well, wont they stop the
boot-liggers and blind-taggers?"

Mike—"Shure, but they wont git
near so much glory out of it now
and they'll have to trid on some of
their frinds toes because all the law-
breakers are no dimmycrats."

Pat—"So—that the idea—is ut?"

Mike—"Yis, thats ut. Yez sez if
they had a aisy-running, well-oiled
machine with ball-bearings they'd pull
these things off without any frishun
and divide the glory bethune thim
and blame ut on the dimmycrats fur
bein all the law-violators. But they
were more surprized than we were
and havent got used to ut yet. Thats
phat yez may be dangerous to give too
much power to not accustomed
ut, so Shakespear was right."

JEFF PHILLIP.

NO BOND ELECTION AS YET

Up to the present there has been
no election called to vote bonds for a
municipal lighting plant, as directed
by the council Monday night. Mayor
Marshall says that he desires to hold
a session with the council first. As a
result of the change in laws passed
at the last session of the legislature
this city can now vote bonds to the
amount of 10 per cent of the total as-
sessment in value, instead of 5 per cent
and there are a number who think
that the city should now put itself
head over heels in debt and build a
plant of its own, but there are plenty
of people in St. Joseph who have
gray matter in their brain pans in-
stead of a gathering of vision germs,
who still are sane enough to defeat
an unneeded bond issue.

TO PAVE WALLACE ROAD

The county court on Tuesday or-
dered a survey made of the Wallace
road from the Connott turn to Wal-
lace, six miles distant. The order was
made after a delegation of about
twenty-five farmers had appeared be-
fore the court, and asked that the
road be paved at once.

REJECTS THE PLAN

The Council at Its Meeting Monday
Night Refused to Help Large
Power Users.

The city council chamber was on
Monday night turned into a power
and anti-power meeting, the commit-
tee from the big power users and the
Commerce and other club organiza-
tions thrashing out the proposition of
the street railway people to furnish
power for the street lighting and other
needed public facilities. A big
delegation was there to back the
Commerce Club and they did so en-
thusiastically. After both sides had
discussed the question for nearly two
hours Alderman Grosser introduced
the following resolution which was
voted for by Councilmen Lindsay,
Grosser and Hunt. Alderman Holt-
man and Kent did not vote. One of
those who voted for it stated that he
would not be bound by his vote if a
bond issue is submitted. The Grosser
resolution is as follows:

Resolution. For the past six
months the members of the city coun-
cil have been investigating the elec-
tric light and power rates of St. Jo-
seph as compared with other cities,
with the hope of finding some remedy
for the intolerable high rates now
being paid here.

The home owner's light bill in St.
Joseph is considerable higher than
those in our surrounding cities, no
matter which way you compare it,
either by the K. W. hour, by the
number of openings or by the number
of rooms. We have attached to this
report a detailed statement of rates
charged in other cities, so that the
rates may be compared in various
ways.

The difference is even greater
against the small power user, while
if the large manufacturing establish-
ments do not get relief in power
rates, there will be no need of any
effort being made to induce other
large concerns to locate here, but it
will be a question of holding those
that are already established here.

In view of these conditions, it is the
opinion of the members of the city
council that the remedy lies in the
enlargement of our municipal electric
light plant, and it is our opinion that
a bond issue for an adequate amount
to install an initial plant, in connec-
tion with our present street lighting
plant, be submitted to a vote of the
people, an amount large enough to
furnish light for the homes and power
for the factories.

FOUGHT BUT LOST

Jacob Leibowitz Done His Best But
He Was Shot Any-
how.

When Jacob Leibowitz, walking
home on Wednesday night, reached
the corner of Fifteenth and Charles,
two men bore down on him and or-
dered him to throw up his hands.
Instead of doing so he opened fire.
One of the thugs returned the fire
and hit Leibowitz in the left hip the
ball ranged downward, producing a
bad but not fatal wound. The bandit
fired but one shot while Leibowitz
fired four times, but hit no one—
which is to be regretted that he did
not kill the hold-up man. Both made
and Dr. J. Kangisser treated Leibow-
itz and Dr. J. Kargesser treated Leibow-
itz's wounds.

EVANGELICAL MINISTERS GIVEN BILLETS

The Kansas conference of the
Evangelical church in which district
St. Joseph is located has made the
following appointments of ministers
for this district: First Church, St.
Joseph, C. F. Effmeyer; Second
Church, St. Joseph, Dr. McGregor;
Chair, J. M. Tricker; Cosby, W. E.
Coleman; Mound City, F. E. Wend-
land; Oregon, to be supplied; Atchi-
son, E. H. Dahm; Leavenworth, B. F.
Reams; Kansas City, Mersington Ave-
nue Church, H. E. Bower; Kansas
City, Park Avenue Church, G. W.
Landis.

SHALL WE VOTE \$1,700,000?

Taxpayers of St. Joseph are
asked to again vote \$1,700,000 in
school bonds next Saturday.
A million and three quarters is
a big pile of debt to load upon
this community at the present
time. Have you thought it over,
Mr. Voter?
Better think about it NOW—
for the election is next Saturday.

THE RIGHT METHOD

To Stop the Hold-up Game Is Exem-
plified by Frank
Williams.

Frank Williams, a taxi driver, who
lives at 1112 Corby street, started the
first movement to reform the hold-up
artists who have been infesting this
city, when on Sunday morning he put
a bullet through the head of Paul C.
Hain of Belleville, Kansas, and it had
the force behind it to make Hain a
most willing subject for the ministra-
tions of Coroner Timmerman, who sat
upon him with a feeling which is not
described as at all fearful. It is gen-
erally admitted that if one or two
more such good shots are made, that
the hold-up industry will come with
sudden and active celerity in St. Jo-
seph.

Williams closed his taxi business at
1 a. m. and started to walk from the
carline to his house. As he reached
Eleventh and Corby, two young men
met him, one coming up from each
side. Hain ordered Williams to throw
up his hands, showing a revolver at
his head at the same time. Williams
did throw up his hands, but in his
right hand as it came up was a re-
volver, which spoke as it came in line
with Hain's head, and a bullet crash-
ing through it from front to rear put
an end to any further robbing desires
of that young man. He died an hour
later at a hospital.

The other hold-up artist who proved
to be Paul Taylor, a twenty-four year
old young man of Belknap, was not
armed. As soon as Hain fell, Williams
forced Taylor who had started to run
away, to halt and throw up his hands.
After which Williams marched him to
a house near by and awakening the
inmates had them telephone the po-
lice, who came out and carted Hain
to a hospital, and Taylor to jail. Taylor
claims he had just met Hain and
did not know that a hold-up was con-
templated until they saw Williams
coming, when Hain proposed to hold
him up and Taylor was too scared to
refuse to help. Coroner Timmerman
decided Williams was a pretty good
shot, and exonerated him. Hain's
body was taken to Belleville for bur-
ial.

ON THREE MORE WARRANTS

Clifton Gregg Is Charged With Ad-
ditional Embellishments of Over
Nine Thousand Dollars.

Clifton Gregg, the former cashier
of the Citizens Bank of DeKalb, ap-
peared at the sheriff's office Monday
afternoon, and with his attorneys, J.
W. Mytton and Miles Elliott, gave
bond in the sum of \$12,000 for a pre-
liminary hearing before Justice For-
graves, March 28. The additional
bond was given on account of the fact
that three more warrants were sworn
out against him Monday for alleged
embellishment, which will make the
total amount charged against him
over \$19,000.

The three additional warrants sworn
out against Gregg Monday were by
Allen Thompson, who claims he em-
bezzled \$1,000 from him; Henry M.
Lower, who alleges Gregg embellished
\$5,725 from him; and Bettie Finch,
who alleges he embellished \$2,500
which she claims that she paid the
bank on a promissory note.

STUBBS NAMES MOTOR CLUB COMMITTEES

L. S. Stubbs, president of the St.
Joseph Automobile Club, on Wednes-
day announced that he had appointed
W. A. Bodenhausen chairman of the
committee on civic affairs; publicity,
L. A. Stubbs; C. U. Philley, mem-
berships and privileges; E. E. Gabbert,
courts; A. E. Ueberlein, sociability;
runs; W. E. Spratt, state laws; J. E.
Cox, laws and ordinances; P. A. Bod-
er, excursions; by-laws, Fairleigh En-
right; annual meeting, J. E. Combs;
road marking, W. M. Clark; road con-
struction, G. E. McIninch; camps and
signs, C. R. Berry; maps and folders,
J. D. Clarkson.

Councilman Grosser wants a law
passed which will give St. Joseph
more interest on its daily balances,
and Gov. Hyde is asked to incorporate
the proposition in his special session
budget.

WERE NOT A FAILURE

Wilson's Efforts Will be Accorded
Recognition When Forces of
Reaction Are Exhausted.

(Statement given out by William G.
McAdoo, ex-secretary of the treas-
ury, in response to a request from
the editor of the New York Globe.)
It is with hesitation that I comply
with your request for an expression
of my views on Woodrow Wilson, be-
cause my intimate relationship may
incline cynical or prejudiced minds
to say that I am not an impartial ob-
server. His retirement from the
presidency marks, however, an epoch
of such profound significance to the
world that I cannot resist the tempta-
tion to say a few words about one
phase of his career.

I do not agree with those who hastily
and inconspicuously adjudge the
president's work at the peace confer-
ence a failure. Whatever may be the
imperfections of the treaty from a
political or economic standpoint,
Woodrow Wilson did not fail. The
outstanding thing for which he
fought, the thing that transcends po-
litical and economic considerations, is
the permanent peace of the world.
Unless this is secured all else is fruit-
less; without this the sublimest hope
of humanity is sunk in the black
abyss; without this all political and
economic adjustments are unstable
and sooner or later will disappear.

Woodrow Wilson laid the founda-
tions of world peace and a new order
in the Versailles treaty. This is the
supreme deed of civilization; this is
his greatest work. The fact that the
crowding structure has not yet re-
solved, that it has been halted by
the selfishness of designing politi-
cians and the greed of materialistic
national interests, has neither imper-
iled nor destroyed those foundations.
The tide of reaction will agoni-
zingly exhaust themselves and the
work of Woodrow Wilson will emerge
unscathed and stand like the eternal
rocks as the support of a new and
better order of which peace and jus-
tice will be the keystone.

This is Woodrow Wilson's match-
less contribution to his time. Great
and noble as have been his other un-
paralleled achievements in the fields
of politics, economics and letters, this
is his enduring monument. He has
put a new star in the American flag
—like the Star of Bethlehem, with its
eternal message of peace, good will
and hope. No one can tear that star
from the flag. With it America will
lead the vanguard of humanity and
civilization to a new day of human
brotherhood and world order. This
will not come immediately, but it will
come inevitably in the slow and sure
processes of time.

Woodrow Wilson, the man, will die;
but Woodrow Wilson, the apostle of
peace, will live forever. Out of his
sacrifice and suffering—borne with
admirable dignity and sublime cour-
age—the good he has sought to do
for mankind will come to a noble
fruition and receive a splendid though
perhaps belated recognition. In his
martyrdom there is no defeat—there
is triumph! History will do him jus-
tice. He can await its verdict with
serenity.

DRYS SHOULD REVISE THEIR FIGURES

In the effort of the drys to make
campaign thunder and "medicine"
there are very often misleading fig-
ures given out. In an effort to show
that crime has decreased to a won-
derful extent in St. Joseph since pro-
hibition went into effect they on
Wednesday published in the News-
Press a table comparing crime in
1920 with that of 1918, with of
course a splendid showing for dry
1920 over wet 1918. It is a singular
fact that while the total number of
robberies for the year reported in
dry 1920 was 11 as against 14 in wet
1918, yet in the same issue of the
paper which carries this table are
reported six robberies which occurred
in the twenty-four hours previous
—the Harris—McCord—Biller—Hadden
—Canada and Ingram—a total of
six or one half as many as the drys
reported for the whole year of 1920.

CLAXTON ASSUMED A GREAT DEAL

P. P. Claxton, U. S. commissioner of
education, came all the way from
Washington to tell the voters of St.
Joseph that they must bond them-
selves for \$1,750,000 more for the
schools of this city. As Mr. Claxton
pays no taxes or sends any children
to school here, his advice was con-
sidered by many of his hearers to be
entirely gratuitous.

Frank Taylor of Council Bluffs was
arrested here Monday and taken back
to that place to answer to a charge of
bigamy.

OVERREACHED LIMIT

He Believes That There Will Soon
be a Laughing Sickness Added
to the Long List.

Down near Springfield a short
time ago they held what we term
an old fashioned party, brought
about largely by the return to
normalcy; so many men were
out of employment that they felt
the need of some diversion; thus
the neighbors gave a party.
At this party they played sim-
ple old fashioned games and at
one particular period they were
telling stories and swapping jokes.
One gentleman in the crowd, be-
ing humorously inclined and rather
overdaring, sprung the joke
about the Republican adminis-
tration going to reduce the taxes.
It caused such an outburst of
mirth that one young woman
actually had to be taken home in
a carriage and put to bed, and a
doctor called for her.

Now, we quarantine against
contagious diseases, and it strikes
me that if a fellow so forgets him-
self in being funny in his attempt
to outdo all others at cracking
jokes; that there should be some
way to restrain him when he
goes so far as to spring that an-
cient joke that the Republican
administration would reduce
taxes. No wonder the young
woman over-laughed herself and
became ill, and if such things are
permitted, we will probably have
another sickness known as the
Laughing Sickness, because no
one can stand up and hear the
suggestion that the Republican
administration will reduce taxes
without starting his laughing ap-
paratus in full force and perhaps
going at such a rate that he or
she will be unable to stop it.
There should be some restraint
put upon the jokesmith, and
while I am a great believer in
humor and a strong advocate of
laughter, yet there is a limit to
all things, and the statement that
the Republican administration
will reduce taxes has overreached
that limit.

W. N. LINN.

PASSING BAD CHECKS

Violet Alice Schmidt, Who Claims to
be a Physician's Wife,
Arrested.

Violet Alice Schmidt, a young
woman of prepossessing appearance
according to the pictures sent by the
police department of Omaha to this
city, is under arrest there on a charge
of uttering and passing all sorts of
bad checks. She was arrested at the
instance of the Associated Retailers
of that place, who hold a briefcase
of her worthless checks.

In the opinion of the Omaha police
she is the leader of a gang of women
who have been operating in bad
checks in the Missouri Valley cities.
The Schmidt woman claims that her
husband is a St. Joseph physician.

DEATH OF JOHN O. GAUGH

After living here for sixty of his
sixty-seven years of life, John O.
Gaugh, the well known contracting
painter, died at a local hospital Tues-
day morning. He had been in ill
health for over a year. He was born
in Crawford county, Penn., May 18,
1833, and seven years later removed
to this city. Beside his widow he is
survived by two brothers, Dr. Marcus
Gaugh of Burlington Junction and
Dr. William H. Gaugh of Granada,
Canada. The funeral occurred Thurs-
day, and was very largely attended.

TAUGHT W. C. BROWN TELEGRA- PHY

There died at Maquoketa, Iowa,
last week a station agent for the Chi-
cago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad
who was at the time of his death
eighty years of age, and who had
been the station agent at that place
for the last forty-five years. He was
active at his work until two days be-
fore his death, when he was taken
ill. The deceased was Thomas Jef-
ferson Hayes, who enjoyed the dis-
tinction of having taught W. C.
Brown, the former great railroad
manager of this city, the art of
telegraphy.

THE ELKS JUST KICKED UP

A class of 150 embryo Elks were
converted into real Good Fellows
Tuesday night by the local lodge at a
session held at the Auditorium. There
certainly was "some doin's," and the
big class was given all that it needed.
A banquet and show closed the per-
formance.

SOCK-ET-TUM FOR OVER THIRTY MILLIONS

AND IT MUST BE
THERE UPON DEMAND

THAT IS WHAT A REPUBLICAN
LEGISLATURE HAS PUT ON
THE DEER PEEPL.

All of That \$3,000,000 Surplus That
Gov. Gardner and a Democratic
Administration Had Left For the
Gops When It Relinquished Control
Was Parcelled Out Among the Cry-
ing Oases and Then Twenty-five
Million More Added For Good
Measure for Taxpayers to Dig Up.

Of course the taxpayers of Mis-
souri remember that when Gov. Gar-
dner and the Democratic adminis-
tration which he headed, went out of
control on the tenth day of January
of this year, that it turned over to the
incoming gop administration nearly
sixteen millions of dollars, five of
which millions represented net sur-
plus, after all bills were cared for.

It will also be remembered by those
same taxpayers that it was predicted
that at the time that this immense
surplus was turned over to the gops
that it would be at once disposed of—
and it is—there is not a dollar left of
that great balance which was not ap-
propriated, the major portion of
which will go for salaries and per-
quisites with which to build up the
gop machine for future service and
control.

These same taxpayers were also as-
sured that when the gop state ad-
ministration goes out of power it will
leave the great state of Missouri in
debt—and it will—and only this is
needed to prove this assertion.

The gops of Missouri are in full
control—and were of the legislature
which adjourned since the early Sun-
day morning. They were absolutely
in "beastly control" for their major-
ity in both houses was so large that
the Democrats rattled round like
scattered peas in a tin bucket—or
worse. At no time during the session
did a democrat have a single show
for his "white alley"—and therefore
the gop of standpatism and reform,
must stand sponsor for all that was
accomplished this session.

THIRTY-FOUR ST. JOSEPH BILLS

St. Joseph had thirty-four bills in
the legislative hopper, of which num-
ber eighteen passed and are now up
to the governor, and sixteen failed.
The eighteen that passed are as follows:

House bill No. 267, by Whitehead,
removes the joker clause from the
clerks' salaries bills passed two years
ago, and restores to the county court
the power to determine the number
of deputies.

House bill No. 303, by McPherson,
exempts ordinances providing for the
grading and paving of streets from
the provisions of the referendum pe-
tition.

House bill No. 305, by McPherson,
provides for the authority to combine
grading and paving under one con-
tract, chiefly relating to streets that
are nearly on a grade.

House bill No. 320, by Whitehead,
changes the time from March to Jan-
uary.

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MUCH ECONOMY IN THIS

When the Republicans made their
campaign for control of this state
they promised the people that the
system proposed by them would vast-
ly reduce the office holders fund.
How well this was carried out is
shown by the fact that the last set of
the gops was to appropriate \$1,660,-
100 for salaries for state officers, that
being \$345,200 MORE than the demo-
crats paid for the LAST TWO
YEARS.

TAYLOR WAIVED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

When Paul Taylor of Belknap, who
was with Paul C. Hain, who was shot
to death by Frank Williams Sunday
night, was arraigned Thursday, he
waived preliminary examination and
failing to give bond for \$2,000 was
sent to jail to await the criminal
court action.

ANY SUCH MEAL WILL "COME UP"

"Meals Thirty Cents and Up," is
the sign which greets the eye on the
window of a South Sixth street bean-
ery. This legend is strictly true, for
any meal that a customer buys for
that price in that locality is pretty
likely to come up.

THE DEATH OF CARDINAL GIBBONS

Every Catholic in St. Joseph
and the world over went into
mourning Thursday when the
death of the great James Cardin-
al Gibbons, archbishop of Balti-
more and primate of the Ameri-
can Catholic was announced. He
was one of the greatest church-
men of the world and his death
is deeply deplored by all denom-
inations.

A FITTING FINALE

Was That Which Senator Reed in
Eloquent Words Spoke Over
Champ Clark.

In the newspaper accounts of the
final ceremonies over the body of the
late Champ Clark as it lay in state in
the national house at Washington,
appeared what was supposed to be
the complete eulogy paid by Senator
Reed to that great son of Missouri,
but it now appears that the public
press did not give the entire eulogy
for here are the closing paragraphs,
which are shown in the Congressional
Record, and which are really the best
of the entire grand oration. These
are the final words of Senator Reed:
"He was the best beloved of Ameri-
cans."

How old are words. Let me
speak of the man as my friend. For
six years I have known him intimately.
I watched his course through all
the storms of life. How true and
brave and rugged was this man. He
met each danger like a brave soldier.
He never flinched from any task. He
stood square-fronted to the world.

They say that he is dead, but we
who gaze upon his marble brow must
realize the man we knew does not lie
here today. The soul that made him
what he was cannot have been destroyed.

In all the world I never knew so
much of filial affection, of wifely ten-
derness, of fatherly love as was man-
ifested in his family. They must find
consolation in the memory of this
glorious man.

Soon he will sleep in the soil of
his beloved state. As it enfolds him,
the very clouds that touch his coffin
clay will be blessed with the love he
bore for the old Commonwealth of
Missouri.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

The St. Joseph Preacher Who Winked
at the Soda Water
Girl?

If you know a certain St. Joseph
preacher—we dare not even give his
denomination—who has been East for
the past three weeks and who return-
ed home this week, you know the
man who met with this "adventure."

Just before he got to New York a
cinder came into the window and hit
him slap bang in the right eye. The
preacher rubbed it and did all the
usual things but it still troubled him,
and every now and again he had in-
voluntarily to wink.

When he got to New York he went
into a buffet and asked for a glass of
milk. This being served, he gulped it
down, and then realizing that some-
thing was wrong, he said to the bar-
maid, "That wasn't milk, was it?"

"No, sir, rum and milk."

"But I asked you for milk."

"Yes, sir, but you tipped me the
wink."

WOULD BE JUDGE

Four or Five Prominent Lawyers
Would be Head of the New
Municipal Court.

There are half a dozen good law-
yers in St. Joseph who would like to
be judge of the new municipal court
which has just been created by act
of the legislature, and which will
hear civil cases in which under \$3,000
is involved, for which the judge will
receive the salary of \$3,600 per year.
It will be ready to operate as soon as
Governor Hyde signs the bill creating
it.

As the governor appoints the first
Judge of course no democrat need
apply. Among the gops who have
their lightning ride up are Gardner
Thompson, Lewis Randolph, Allen
May and B. G. Vorhies.

DR. LINDLEY MAY BE BOOZE FOE

The name of Dr. R. R. Lindley of
Stanherry will be sent in to President
Harding this week as a candidate for
the position of state prohibition en-
forcement officer, more commonly re-
ferred to as "state booze board." Dr.
Lindley, it is stated, has the unani-
mous consent of all of the gops who
are Missouri delegates.